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EMBASSY'S REPORT ON JOHNSON'S VISIT TO NEW DELHI AND TALKS WITH FICCI WELL RECEIVED HERE. WE ARE PLEASED GOI HAS GIVEN FICCI GREEN LIGHT AND THAT BOTH SIDES MOVING AHEAD WITH ORGANIZATION JBC. WE ARE ESPECIALLY DELIGHTED THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED SCHEDULE FIRST MEETING JBC IN DELHI IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER. WE SUGGEST THAT ROLE OF IACC IN JBC AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS SHOULD BE LEFT TO U.S. CHAMBER AND FICCI TO WORK OUT TOGETHER. DURING INITIAL APPROACHES TO CHAMBER, WE SAID THEY WOULD HAVE AUTONOMY ON JBC ISSUES TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, BUT THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED GIVE GUIDANCE ON IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. IN OUR VIEW, ROLE OF IACC NOT IN THIS CATAGORY.

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FURTHER, MAHINDRA, WHO NOW HEADS IACC, IS (WE UNDERSTAND)

SLATED TO BE NEXT PRESIDENT FICCI. FINALLY, RELATIONS
BETWEEN CHAMBER AND IACC HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN GOOD. IN
SUM, THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THERE ARE GOOD REASONS WHY WE
SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED IN ISSUE THAT IS ESSENTIALLY THE
BUSINESS OF TWO ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UP JBC.
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